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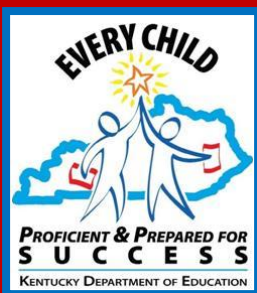
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# Kentucky Textbook Adoption Updates

## State Evaluation Tools for Basal Purchases (print or digital)

The **Off-List Notification** process is **required for all print or digital basal\* purchases regardless of funding source** if the item is not from a current state multiple list. The Practical Living/Career Studies/Career & Technical Education State Multiple List will expire June 30, 2016. That will leave no current State Multiple Lists after June 30, 2016.

Below are direct links to the basal evaluation tools to be used for each subject area for the Off-List Notification process. You can also find these links on the [Off-List Notification web page](#).

- **ELA (K-2)** – revised 2013:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/ELA%20K-2%20Eval%20form%20September%2017%2c%202013.pdf>
- **ELA (3-12)** – revised 2013:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/ELA%203-12%20Eval%20form%20September%2017%2c%202013.pdf>
- **Science** – revised 2014:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/Science%20Eval%20Form%202014%20FINAL.pdf>
- **Mathematics** – revised 2015:  
[http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/Mathematics%20Eval%20form%20\(K-8\)%20May%202015%20FINAL.pdf](http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/Mathematics%20Eval%20form%20(K-8)%20May%202015%20FINAL.pdf)
- **Arts** – revised 2015:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/Arts%20Eval%20Form%202015%20FINAL.pdf>
- **PL/CS/CTE**:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/plcs%20Eval%20form.pdf>
- **Social Studies** (to be revised after adoption of new standards):  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/Social%20Studies%20Eval%20Form%202007-13.pdf>
- **ESL**:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/ESL%20Eval%20Form%202005-2011.pdf>
- **World Languages**:  
<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/World%20Language%20Eval%20Form%202005-2011.pdf>

**\*basal:** an instructional resource that serves as the primary means of instruction in a content area for a grade level or course.

(More Information on next page)

## **Textbook/Instructional Resource Funds Guidance**

If textbook funds are left in Flex-Focus, restrictions on purchases apply. However, if a district chooses, as allowed by the General Assembly, to move the funds from Flex-Focus to the General Fund in order to spend on restricted instructional resources such as technology and consumables, the restrictions do not apply.

## **State Textbook Commission**

The Kentucky State Textbook Commission meets every year to direct the process for selection of basal instructional resources. The KDE is currently seeking teacher, administrator and parent members for the commission. Please share the link below with those in your district who might be interested in applying. Terms are 4 years and require 1-4 meetings per year in Frankfort.

**State Textbook Commission Application:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YSYD8FL>

## **Recent Questions from District Textbook Coordinators**

- 1. If a school purchases replacement texts for old or worn-out books that were previously purchased (from an earlier, state-approved list), does that school have to follow the Off-List Notification process?***

If a textbook series is still being used that was from a previous state list or from an earlier Off-List Notification approval, then adding replacement copies would not need further approval. If, however, new editions of those textbooks are being purchased (new ISBN number/copyright date), then the Off-List Notification must be completed.

- 2. Since textbook funds are only allocated for grades K-8, are high schools held to the same requirements? Do they have to comply with KDE's Off-List Notification process?***

Statutes require that all schools, including high schools, complete Off-List Notifications for basal items not currently on a state-approved list, regardless of funding source.

- 3. Can our school or district participate in a textbook pilot (digital or print)?***

Textbook pilots are not permitted for schools and districts.

Are you retiring this year? Are you moving to another district or changing roles in your district? Be sure to let me know so that I can keep our email distribution list for district textbook coordinators up-to-date!

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